



# **Introduction to Carolina Family Engagement Center**

*Carolina Family Engagement Center*

*SIC District Contacts Meeting*

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## Why Focus on Family Engagement?

Higher test scores	Improved attendance
Improved student behavior	Increased likelihood of staying in school
Higher parent and teacher satisfaction levels	



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## What is CFEC?

One of 12 federally-funded Statewide Family Engagement Centers under ESSA.

Providing districts, schools, and families with professional development and technical assistance to enhance school-family partnerships.

Strengthening statewide infrastructure to support family engagement.

Aims to increase student achievement and school improvement through effective family engagement from cradle to career.





## Creating Equity and Opportunity for ALL Families in ALL Parts of South Carolina

Families with low incomes

ESL families

Racial and ethnic minority families

Families of disabled and special needs students

Families who are homeless or migrant workers

Families of foster children



## Who is CFEC?

- Relationship to:
  - College of Education at UofSC
  - CoE Research Institute
  - Center for Educational Partnerships
  - SC School Improvement Council
  - SC Dept. of Ed. Office of Family and Community Engagement





## How CFEC Will Achieve its Goals: Years 1-2

Direct services to districts, schools, teachers, families, and communities via CFEC Regional Liaisons.

- Ongoing training and technical assistance:
  - in 25 focus schools over 4 years
  - for 14 classroom teachers over 2 years
  - additional opportunities in future grant years

## Training and Technical Assistance for Districts, Schools, & Teachers

Professional Development for all districts and schools via CFEC Liaisons, Specialists, & LT:

- Basics of family engagement
- Title I family engagement requirements
- NNPS action team model
- Outreach to minority families

Customized/partner-organization trainings



## Services directly to families

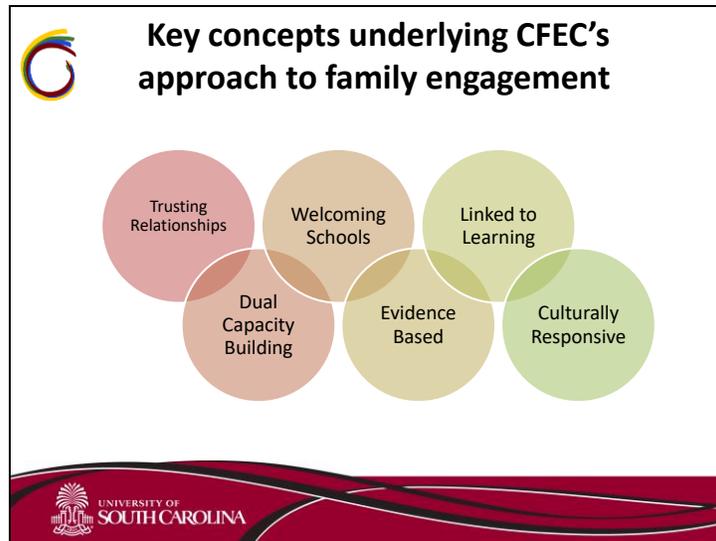
- Tools and trainings for families under development
  - What families need to know about R2S
  - Understanding the SC Report Card
  - Other website resources
- Cross referrals to other partner organizations
  - SC PASOS
  - Family Connection
  - SC First Steps
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  - Fathers and Families





## SC Framework for K-12 Family Engagement

- Relationships
- Communication
- Linking to Learning
- Collaboration
- Community Partnerships

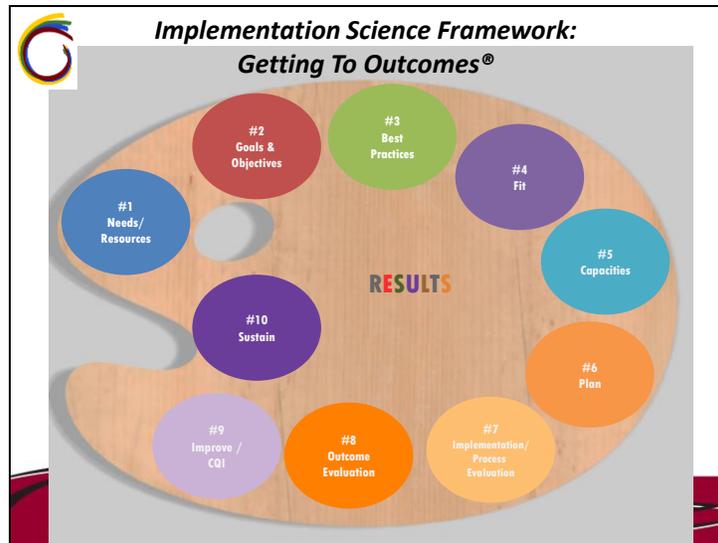


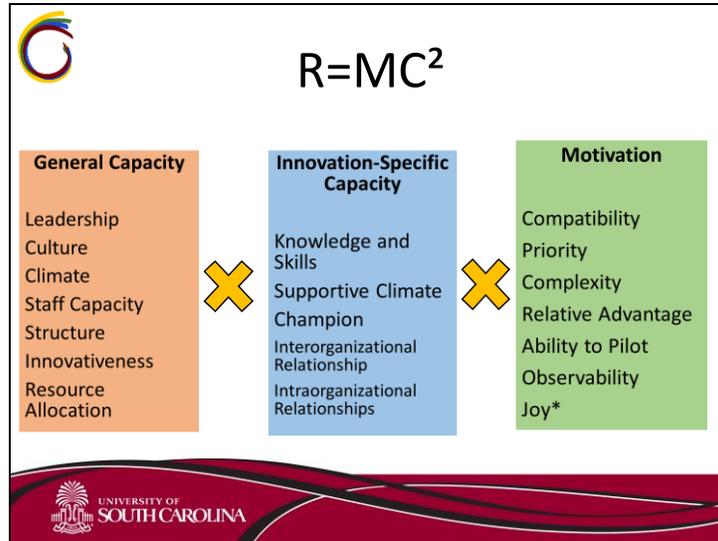


### **Using *Getting To Outcomes*® To Increase Likelihood of Success**

- CFEC Liaisons will use the 10 GTO® steps to increase the effectiveness of family engagement planning, implementation, and evaluation at the school and classroom levels.









## Monitoring School Readiness Levels

- Readiness will be assessed twice: once at the outset of the partnership and once as schools prepare to implement family engagement plan.
- CFEC Liaisons will use targeted interventions to help increase readiness levels.

## CFEC and SC-SIC

- Liaisons will supplement trainings and technical assistance provided by SC-SIC staff.
- Many SICs at CFEC partner schools will be the school's designated stakeholder team for family engagement.
- CFEC can connect SICs with additional resources to support their activities.
- SICs can create NNPS action teams for family engagement w/support from Liaisons.





## Look for CFEC in the Coming Months

- Liaisons visiting your communities
- Website ([cfec.sc.gov](http://cfec.sc.gov))
- Social media
- Electronic Newsletter and Updates





# Questions and Discussion



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